

Remarks

The above amendments are being made in order to add appropriate headings to the specification, as well as replace claims 1 through 17, which are simply literal translations, with new claims 18 through 35 that are in proper form in accordance with U.S. practice and eliminate improper multiple dependency.

Claims 18 through 35 correspond, respectively, to cancel claims 1 through 17, except that former claim 14 has been replaced by new claims 31 and 32, with different dependencies. Other than that, there is a one-to-one correspondence between the canceled claims and the new claims.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

April 12, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Lee, Jr.
William M. Lee, Jr.
Registration No. 26,935

Lee, Mann, Smith, McWilliams,
Sweeney & Ohlson
P.O. Box 2786
Chicago, Illinois 60690-2786
(312) 368-6620
(312) 368-0034 (fax)